

# Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SSHB005-DPS-SCDL-04-02-21  
Title: SEXUAL ASSAULT; DEF. OF "CONSENT"  
Sponsor: TARR  
Requester: (H) State Affairs

Department: Department of Public Safety  
Appropriation: Statewide Support  
Allocation: Laboratory Services  
OMB Component Number: 527

## Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2022 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2022 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Personal Services	227.0		302.0	302.0	302.0	302.0	302.0
Travel							
Services	220.0		210.0				
Commodities	100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Capital Outlay	135.0						
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>682.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>612.0</b>	<b>402.0</b>	<b>402.0</b>	<b>402.0</b>	<b>402.0</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	682.0		612.0	402.0	402.0	402.0	402.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>682.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>612.0</b>	<b>402.0</b>	<b>402.0</b>	<b>402.0</b>	<b>402.0</b>

## Positions

Full-time	3.0		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2021) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2022) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

**Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account?** No  
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

## ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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## Analysis

This bill amends AS 44.41.065(a)(2) by reducing the amount of time in which the state crime lab must test a sexual assault examination kit from one year to 6 months after the crime lab receives the sexual assault examination kit. To achieve a 6 month turnaround time for testing of sexual assault examination kits while maintaining the current level of service for other DNA services (property crimes, homicides, etc.), the crime lab estimates that two new Forensic Scientist I/II and one Forensic Scientist III positions would be needed. Personal services are calculated for nine months for the first year.

To accommodate three extra positions, included is the cost of adding cubicles, furniture and computer equipment estimated at \$15,000 in capital outlay. To accommodate the increase of personnel, two additional testing instruments will also be needed at a cost of \$60,000 each instrument. Commodities costs include the necessary consumables (chemicals for testing) associated with testing performed by the staff and is estimated at \$100,000 annually.

The crime lab will need to outsource some of the kit analysis during the first year and a half to account for the time and resources it takes from existing staff to fully train new staff while maintaining turnaround time on all DNA case work. It is estimated that 200 kits will be outsourced in year one for an estimated \$220,000 (200 x \$1,100) and 100 kits will be outsourced in year two for an estimated \$210,000 (100 x \$2,100). The cost to outsource will be at a higher rate the second year in order to expedite analysis. Historically, private forensic science service providers have not consistently met a turnaround time of six months. To achieve our turnaround time, an increase cost per kit must be paid to expedite analysis in order to stay compliant with the effective date.

The total first year costs are estimated at \$682,000. This includes nine months (75%) of personal services costs for two new Forensic Scientist I/II (\$97,000 ea) positions and one Forensic Scientist III position (\$108,000), start up supply & equipment costs, the cost of consumables for training the new staff, and outsourcing of 200 sexual assault examination kits.

Second year costs are estimated at \$512,000 which includes 100% of the annual personal services costs for the three positions, annual costs for necessary consumables and outsourcing of 100 sexual assault examination kits.

Third year and subsequent years' costs are estimated at \$402,000 which includes annual personal services costs for the three positions and annual costs for necessary consumables.